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AND A PROCESS FOR PREPARING THE
SAME

Group Art Unit: 1771

Examiner: Juska, Cheryl Ann

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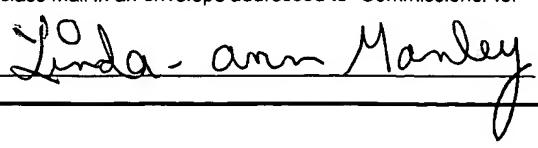

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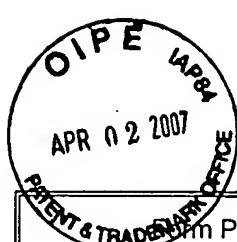
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